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Jeremy W. Snow et al.

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For: RESETTABLE SAFETY SHIELD FOR
MEDICAL NEEDLES

Examiner: A. M. Gilbert

RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated September 2, 2011, for which a response is due on December 2, 2011. This response is filed within two months of the issuance of the final Office Action and therefore qualifies for expedited review. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in light of the remarks and amendments presented herein are respectfully requested.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.